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EAGLE
10 PLANTERS PUNCH.

GORENSEN, Johann.

August 21, 1922 :

I, Johann Goresen, was born in Copenhagen (Denmark) as son of the ships carpenter Axel Goresen and his wife Anna nee Kukulka. When I was 4 years old, my parents moved to Gdynia, (Poland). The Polish Government was looking for skilled ships carpenters to work in the shipyards of their newly built port and my father was offered a position. Another fact, influencing my parents to accept this offer, was that my mother came Polish stock and was therefore desirous to return to Poland. She speaks the language fluently. I am a Roman-catholic. I saw my family last in December 1944.

1926 :

We moved to Gdynia, where I spent my youth. We lived at Ul Swietojska 57.

1928 - 1934 :

I attended the Publiczna Powszechna Szkola No. 1 at Ul Sutejo (this was about 10 minutes walk from our apartment).

1934 - 1940 :

I worked as a carpenter's apprentice and later as assistant at the Stocznia Gdynska, Ul Weglowa. My father was working in the same shipyard.

1940 - 1945 :

I worked in the firm of Gebr. Sonnewald, Neuenburg, which held a big contract for the German Wehrmacht (Barracks, hangers, etc.).

January 1945 :

In the latter part of January, the Russians were approaching and an evacuation of children and women was ordered. All foreign workers were supposed to stay at their jobs. The German workers had to join the Volkssturm. Later on foreign skilled workers were to be evacuated too. We received letters from the NSBAP which was in charge of evacuation measures, i.e. from the Ortsgruppen.

January 26, 1945 :

On this day we were sent to Danzig by truck and by railroad. We were allowed to take along only very few things; even of those I lost most during the trip. We had to leave the train in Danzig-Langfuhr, where we stayed for two weeks, digging fortifications.

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February 15, 1945 :

We got rail transportation from Danzig and reached Pasewalk after four days, after many changes en route. There was a reception center for evacuees and thousands of people lived there, waiting to be moved on. We received 50 RM as compensation for items lost and another 50 RM as travel expenses. I left Pasewalk by railroad a few days ago and arrived finally in Lehrte. I travelled via Neustrelitz, Prizwalk and Stendal. I was obliged to make the last stretch Lehrte-Hannover on foot.

I am in possession of the following identity documents :

1. Vorläufiger Fremdenpass, issued in Schwetz on October 1944.
2. Arbeitskarte (old type), issued on July 5th, 1943.
3. Letter from the Ortsgruppenleiter Neuenburg.
4. Reise- & Gaststättenmarken oder Reichskarten für Urlauber for one month.

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Cover Story.

Gregor GARONSKI.

31.1.1922

I was born in Gajewo (Espenwerder) of Lithuanian parents; accordingly I became a Lithuanian citizen (by birth). My father, Boris Garonski, was a farmer and fisher. I last saw him in January 1945; since then, I have not heard from him. All my family and I myself are Roman Catholic. My mother nee is still living at the same place.

Youth

I attended the primary school in Gajewo from 1928 to 1936. Then I helped my father on the farm and took on occasional work on other farms. I did not like this very much, and besides I found out that I would be better off if I were a skilled worker.

1938

So I joined Josef Krojanke, carpenter, as an apprentice and later worked for him as a journey-man right up to January 1945.

1939 - 1945

When Gajewo became German I was allowed to stay on; all correspondence with the authorities was done by my employer; he got me an Arbeitskarte, an Arbeitsbuch, which he kept and a Vorläufiger Fremdenpass; whenever these papers expired he saw to their renewal. I only remember that I had to sign papers very often and I was thankful to him that he handled these things, as I am not particularly good in dealing with authorities and offices.

January 1945

At the end of January the Russians were approaching our region and the situation became more and more critical. All German workers had to join the Volkssturm, most foreign agricultural workers had to continue on their jobs; but the Party Ortsgruppenleiter ordered all skilled foreign workers to be evacuated. We were told to fetch our Arbeitsbücher from our employers and to report back to the party office. Our employer had to make an entry into the Arbeitsbuch in the space provided for the termination of the time of employment. At the office we were given a letter from the Ortsgruppenleiter which advised us as to our new locality of employment.

January 1945

I made my way to Stettin by truck and railroad, where I had to stay for several weeks; we were billeted there in schools. We had to work in the outskirts of the city digging trenches and

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on other fortification work. There, we received our meals in a community center and on my way to Stettin I got mostly only soup at the different stops of my travel.

On 16 March I was given 50.00 RM as compensation for damages suffered in connection with the evacuation, and 50.00 more Marks for travel expenses, and I was told to proceed to Hannover, the place mentioned in my original evacuation order issued by the party in Espenwerder. Changing rather often and spending a lot of time waiting I came as far as Lehrte. There was no connection to Hannover and I started to walk the last 16 km.

I am in possession of the following identity documents:

1. Vorläufiger Fremdenpass
2. Arbeitskarte
3. Arbeitsbuch
4. Letter of the Ortsgruppenleiter

The story up to 1942 and details as to the family may be provided by the agent himself, since the happenings, locality and time coincide with those of his actual life. Only the names should be consistently substituted.

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* *Tanger Towns changed
to Hannover.*

27th

10 March 1945.

To: Lt. Arthur H. Velleman, CD Branch
From: Lazare Teper, BACH Section *KT*
Subject: EAGLE/PLANTERS PUNCH

The following documents will be required for the two men in this mission; deadline for completion of their documents is 26 March.

A. Johann GORENSEN:

1. Vorläufiger Fremdenpass:

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Staatsangehörigkeit: Dänemark
Beruf: Tischler
Geburtsort: Kopenhagen
Geburtsdag: 21.8.1921
Wohnsitz: Neuenburg (Westpr.)
Gestalt: mittel
Gesicht: oval
Augen: blau
Haare: blond
Bes. Kenn.: keine
Cachet on photo: Der Landrat des Kreises Schwetz (Weichsel)
Pass gilt für: In- u. Ausland
Der Pass wird ungültig: 11. Oktober 1945
Der Landrat des Kreises Schwetz (Weichsel)
Schwetz, den 11.10.1944

Aufenthaltserlaubnis für den Landkreis Schwetz (Weichsel), gültig bis 11. Oktober 1945. Issued by the Landrat, at Schwetz, den 11. Oktober 1944.

4 2. Arbeitskarte (old type):

Herkunftsland: Dänemark
Landesarbeitsamt: Danzig-Westpreussen
Geburtsdag: 21.8.1921
Deutsche Sprache: ja
Heimatort: Gotenhafen, Kreis Botenhafen
männlich
Staatsangehörigkeit: dänisch
Gedig

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Arbeitsbuch/Ersatzk: --
Beruf: Tischler
Berufsgruppe: 12 b
Unternehmer: Gebr. Sonnenwald
Arbeitsstelle: Neuenburg (Westpr)
Kreis: Schwetz (Weichsel)
Ausgestellt am: 5.7.1943
Gültig bis (leave blank)
Cachet: Arbeitsamt Graudenz

3. Letter from the Ortsgruppenleiter at Neuenburg. See enclosed draft. We suggest that this should be typed as an original letter.

4. Reise- und Gaststättenmarken for one month, or Reichskarten für "Eagles" for one month - as in all the other "Eagles".

B. Gregor GARONSKI:

1. Fremdenpass:

Staatsangehörigkeit: ungeklärt, früher Litauen
Beruf: Tischler
Geburtsort: Espenwerder
Geburtstag: 31.1.22.
Wohnsitz: Espenwerder
Gestalt: 1.62
Gesicht: oval
Augen: braun
Haare: dunkelbraun
Bes. Kenn: keine
Cachet on photo: Der Landrat des Kreises Schwetz (Weichsel)

Der Pass gilt für das ~~Inland~~ Inland
Der Pass wird ungültig: 13. September 1945
Schwetz, den 13. Sept. 1944
Der Landrat des Kreises Schwetz (Weichsel)

^{LAND:}
Aufenthaltserlaubnis für den Kreis Schwetz, issued
by the Landrat des Kreises Schwetz,
issued at Schwetz, den 13. Sept. 1944
Gültig bis 13. Sept. 1945.

4. Arbeitskarte (old type):

Herkunftsland: Litauen
Landesarbeitsamt Danzig-Westpreussen
ledig
männlich
Deutsche Sprache: ja
Einwohner:

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Geburtstag: 31.1.1922
Heimatort: Espenwerder (Westpr.)
Kreis: Schwetz (Weichsel)
Staatsangehörigkeit: ungeklärt, früher litauisch
Arb./Ersatzk.: --
Beruf: Tischler
Berufsgruppe: 12 b
Unternehmer: Josef Krojanke
Arbeitsstelle: Espenwerder (Westpr.)
Kreis: Schwetz (Weichsel)
Ausgestellt am: 2. August 1943
Gültig bis: (leave blank)
Cachet of Arbeitsamt Graudenz

3. Arbeitsbuch für Ausländer:

Nr. A 445/..... (insert rest of number)

Name: Garonski

Rufname: Gregor

Cachet on photo: Arbeitsamt Graudenz

Herkunftsland: ~~unbekannt~~ Litauen

Geburtstag: 31. Januar 1922

Geburtsort: Espenwerder

Kreis: Schwetz (Weichsel)

Staatsangehörigkeit: ungeklärt, früher litauisch

Volkszuge.: Litauen

ledig

Deutsche Sprache: ja

Heimatanschrift: Espenwerder

Anschr. von Pers.: Boris Garonski, Espenwerder (Westpr.)

Wohnort: bei Boris Garonski, Espenwerder (Westpr.)

Abgeschl. Lehre: von 1938 bis 1942 als Tischler

Landwirtsch. Kennt.: ja, melken, gespannführen

Bisherige Beschäftigungsarten:

Landarbeiter

verschiedene Landwirtschaften, von

März 36 bis April 38

Tischler v. April 38 -

Berufsgruppe: 12

Berufsart: b

Cachet of Arbeitsamt Graudenz.

Issued at Graudenz, den 12. April 1944

Pages 10 and 11:

1) Josef Krojanke, Espenwerder (Westpr.)

2) Tischlerei

3) a) 4.38

b) b.a.W Arbeitsamt (cachet for "Arbeitsamt")

4) Tischler

5) 24.1.45

6) Signature of J. Krojanke

4. Letter from the Ortsgruppenleiter at Espenwerder. See enclosed draft. To be typed as ordinary letter, (original).

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5. Reise- und Gaststättenmarken for one month, or Reichskarten für Urlauber for one month - as in other "Eagles".

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